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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng.  
(US Patent: 6,834,704)

As to claim 1, Cheng teaches a combining device (20) for tightly fixing a screen (10) to a wall (W) (see Fig. 2, Col. 1, Line 63-Col. 2, Line 10);

the screen (10) being suspended from a rod body (B) so that the screen is expanded by the rod body and thus shields an area defined by the rod body (see Fig. 2, 5, Col. 1, Line 63-Col. 2, Line 10);

the combining device (20) comprising:

a female combining unit (21) having a folding line (211);

the folding line (211) dividing the male combining unit (i.e. the part of 22 that reside between 212 and 221) into two parts, a first part and a second part;

the first part of the male combining unit being turnable (i.e. the turnable section 212);

the second part of the female combining unit being adhered to the screen (i.e. the part of 21 that is adhere to screen 10);

a sticky strip being adhered on the male buckle wherein the male combining unit is foldable along the folding line so that the turning portion uprights from a surface of the screen (10) (i.e. since some of the male combining unit will be foldable at the line 211 where the adhesive layer exists the turning section will be upright);

a male combining unit adhered to a wall (W) by using an adhering sheet (221);

wherein the male combining unit is capable of being adhered to a wall through the adhering sheet (221);

wherein a width of the second part is approximately equal to the total widths of the male combining unit and the adhering sheet (i.e. the adhesive between the male and female part have equal width) (see Fig. 5);

the sticky strip of the turning portion can be combined to one surface of the female combining unit as the turning portion is turned from the folding line (i.e. there are portion of the adhesive on 212 that is at the folding line that can combine) (see Fig. 5);

so that when the male combining unit is combined to the female combining unit, the screen is tightly adhered to the wall (i.e. the female and male combines via the two adhesive layer to create adherence of the wall W with the combining part 20) (see Fig. 5, Col. 2, Lines 1-40).

As to claim 2, Cheng teaches the combining device for tightly fixing a screen to a wall as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sticky strip is a double face tape (221) (see Fig. 5, Col. 2, Lines 30-32).

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dyckow (US Patent: 5,148,580) is cited to teach a similar fastening design for a screen.

### ***Inquiry***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Calvin Ma whose telephone number is (571) 270-1713. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 5:00 EST.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chanh Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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